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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
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III	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-12 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-22 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:
- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.
4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:
5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	7,11,12
	No: Claims	1-6,8-10,13-22
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-22
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-22
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Cited documents

D1: US-A-4933232
D2: WO-A-0125307
D3: WO-A-02092662
D4: WO-A-9324551

Claimed subject-matter

On the basis of page 2, lines 16 - 19 as well as page 3, lines 5 - 9 as well as claim 11, it is assumed that the adhesive as cited in claim 1 in fact does not comprise a polyisocyanate and a polyol but is the reaction product of said polyisocyanate and polyol. The analysis below will be based on this assumption.

Novelty (Article 33(2) PCT)

Example 1 of D1 discloses lignocellulosic disks prepared using, as a binder, a composition being the reaction product of

- (i) polymethylene polyphenyl isocyanate and
- (ii) a dimeric fatty acid (additives Arizona 7002, Crodym MX, Empol-1010 and Empol 1040 in table I).

D1 thus is novelty-destroying for the subject-matter of at least all independent claims 1, and 20 - 22.

Example 1 of D2 discloses a composition being the reaction product of

- (i) a polyester polyol having a molecular weight of 1400 and formed from the dimeric fatty acid Pripol 1013, isophthalic acid and hexane-1,6-diol and
- (ii) isophorone diisocyanate. The resulting product may be used as adhesive (page 1, lines 5 - 11).

Consequently, the subject-matter of claims 1 - 6, 8 - 10 and 13 - 20 lacks novelty over D2.

Example 2 of D3 discloses an adhesive composition being the reaction product of int. al.

- (i) an oligoester prepolymer formed from Pripol 1013 and hexane-1,6-glycol and
- (ii) hexane diisocyanate.

The adhesive can be used to bind wood (page 1, line 12).

Consequently, the subject-matter of at least all independent claims 1 and 20 - 22 lacks novelty over D3.

D4 (page 2, lines 7 - 11 and examples 1 - 4 and 6 - 8) discloses a polyurethane prepolymer being the reaction product of

- (i) a polyester polyol which has been derived from a dimeric fatty acid, and
- (ii) a polyisocyanate.

The resulting product has good substrate adhesion (page 1, lines 11 - 12 and page 4, lines 1 - 2).

Consequently, the subject-matter of at least independent claims 1 and 20 lacks novelty over D4.

Inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT)

It is not clear which problem is solved by the subject-matter of the remaining claims 7, 11 and 12 over the cited prior art. The subject-matter of these claims thus at least lacks inventive step over any of D1 - D4.